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SUBJECT: SOVIETS REJECT COMPROMISE ON RB/ER

1. INTENSIFIED SOVIET PRESS CAMPAIGN AGAINST NEUTRON BOMB
HAS NOW BEEN CAPPED BY WEEKEND'S TASS STATEMENT AND MARCH
13 LETTER OF SOVIET SCIENTISTS TO PRESIDENT. STATEMENT
(ASSUME TEXT AVAILABLE IN WASHINGTON) MAY
HAVE BEEN PROMPTED BY SEC DEF BROWN'S MARCH 10 PRESS
CONFERENCE IN WHICH HE SUGGESTED THE POSSIBILITY OF USING
RB/ER AS A BARGAINING CHIP. TASS NOTED REPORTS THAT U.S.
INTENDS TO "FORCE" THE ISSUE BY PRODUCING BUT NOT DEPLOY-
ING THE WEAPON AND TO RAISE THE "UNACCEPTABLE" PROPOSAL
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TO TIE THE FINAL DECISION TO "OTHER EXTRANEous QUES-
TIONS." THE STATEMENT REFERS THREE TIMES TO BREZHNEV'S
PROPOSAL FOR MUTUAL RENUNCIATION OF PRODUCTION OF RB/ER,
CALLING IT "THE ONLY POSSIBLE SENSIBLE SOLUTION" TO THE
QUESTION.

2. SEVERAL ARTICLES IN SOVIET PRESS IN PAST WEEK HAVE

SOUGHT TO INTENSIFY PRESSURE ON U.S. ON NEUTRON BOMB ISSUE AND THE LETTER OF 31 SOVIET SCIENTISTS IS OBVIOUSLY INTENDED TO CONTINUE THIS PRESSURE. PRAVDA ON MARCH 10 GAVE LENGTHY TREATMENT TO TASS REPORT OF DRAFT CONVENTION INTRODUCED AT CCD BY SOVIETS AND ALLIES BANNING NEUTRON WEAPONS. SEVERAL OTHER ARTICLES, INCLUDING A LONG PIECE BY SHAPOSHNIKOV OF THE WORLD PEACE COUNCIL IN PRAVDA OF MARCH 7, HAVE RAISED FAMILIAR THEMES IN SOVIET CAMPAIGN AGAINST RB/ER. NONE OF THESE ARTICLES HAVE MOVED THE SOVIET POSITION ANY FURTHER AND THEIR PRESUMED PURPOSE, AS WELL AS THAT OF THE TASS STATEMENT, HAS BEEN TO HARDEN THE PUBLIC SOVIET POSITION AGAINST COMPROMISE ON THIS ISSUE. TOON

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